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**DECLARATION & POWER OF ATTORNEY**

As a below-named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My correct residence, post office address and citizenship are stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PRECISION TUNING AN OPTICAL FILTER****USING A BALL-END JOINT**

The specification of this subject matter:

☒ is attached hereto.

was filed on

was assigned serial No.

which was amended on \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified patent application, including the claims, as amended by any amendment(s) referred to above. I do not know and do not believe that the claimed invention was ever known or used in the United States of America before my invention thereof, or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before my invention thereof or more than one year prior to this application, that the same was not in public use or on sale in the United States of America more than one year prior to this application, and that the invention has not been patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate issued before the date of this application in any country foreign to the United States of America on an application filed by me or my legal representatives or assigns more than twelve months (for a utility patent application) or six months (for a design patent application) prior to this application.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. §119 (a)-(d) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

**Prior Foreign Application(s)****Priority Claimed**

Number	Country	Month/Day/Year Filed	Yes	No
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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

<u>60/228,908</u>	<u>August 29, 2000</u>
Application Number	Filing Date

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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in these prior United States application(s) in the manner provided by 35 U.S.C. §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application(s) and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

<u>09/617,736</u>	<u>July 17, 2000</u>	<u>Pending</u>
Application No.	Filing Date	Status (Issued, Pending, Abandoned)

<u>09/713,634</u>	<u>November 14, 2000</u>	<u>Pending</u>
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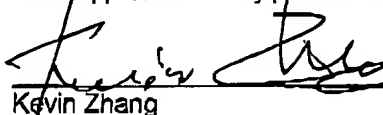
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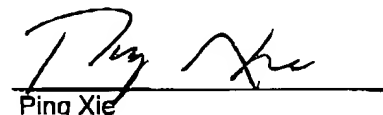
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